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ROBERT BRAY, WILLIAM ROSSITER RETIRING FROM LIBRARY

Two senior officers of the Library of Congress who together have given a total of 77 years of distinguished service to the Library have announced their retirements. They are Robert S. Bray, Chief of the Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped since May 1957, who retired on December 11 after 37 years with the Library; and William W. Rossiter, Chief of the Financial Management Office and Acting Chief of the Procurement and Supply Division, Administrative Department, who will retire, effective January 5, after 40 years with the Library.

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, and a graduate of George Washington University, Mr. Bray began his library career with the District of Columbia Public Library.

He joined the Library of Congress in 1940, serving successively as Deck Attendant, Junior Librarian, Reference Assistant in the Science and Technology reading room, and Assistant in Charge of the *Checklist of Certain Periodicals.* In 1944 he left the Library to serve as an officer with the U.S. Navy and in 1946 returned to become Head of the Library's Exchange Section of the Exchange and Gift Divison, and two years later was appointed Assistant Chief of the Card Division. From 1950 to 1956 he served as Assistant Chief and in 1956 was appointed Chief of the Technical Information Division.

Mr. Bray is the recipient of the Migel Medal for Outstanding Service to the Blind (1963), the highest award of the American Foundation for the Blind, and the Apollo Award (1968), the highest award of the American Optometric Association. In 1968 he received the Francis Joseph Campbell Citation and Medal given annually by the American Library Association's Round Table on Library Service to the Blind. In 1969, he received the Distinguished Service Award from the Librarian of Congress. [See other stories in the *Information Bulletin,* May 8, 1969, pages 239-40 and May 19, page 226.]

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WESLEY W. STOUT PAPERS DONATED TO LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

"And hark in your ear; I am a coming man, so take warning." Thus novelist William Faulkner wrote December 21, 1927, to the editors of the *Saturday Evening Post;* the occasion was the submission of the short story, "Christmas Tree." The warning, which alluded to the *Post*'s earlier rejection of "Ad Astra," had no immediate effect: "Christmas Tree" was rejected within two weeks of its receipt. In 1930, however, Faulkner began to place stories in the *Post.* Following acceptance of the second, "A Mountain Victory," on October 9, 1930, one of the *Post* editors, Thomas B. Costain, invited Faulkner to visit Philadelphia so that he and the staff of the magazine could become personally acquainted. Faulkner

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replied that he would have to sell the *Post* three more stories before he could afford the trip. "At present I am living on corn field peas, let alone hoping to go anywhere," he wrote.

The Faulkner letters form part of a collection of such editorial correspondence gathered by Wesley W. Stout, associate editor (1924-1936) and editor (1937-1942) of the *Post*, and donated to the Library by his daughter, Mrs. L. Eugene Johnson of Louisville, Ky. The letters are largely from the 1920's and 1930's, though a few date from the period of World War I or even earlier. A noteworthy example of earlier material is an autograph letter of William Jennings Bryan, then Secretary of State, to Woodrow Wilson, August 27, 1913, complimenting the President on his message on Mexico, delivered that day to a joint session of Congress.

There are approximately 600 items in the collection, both incoming letters and carbon copies of editorial replies from Stout, Costain, and George H. Lorimer. More than 100 notable persons are represented in the collection. Among those most prominently represented are Arthur (Bugs) Baer, Thomas Beer, Edna Ferber, Joseph Hergesheimer, Ring Lardner, Will Rogers, and Julian Street.

The collection is organized and available for use in the Manuscript Division. [*John C. Broderick*]

58 CATALOG CARDS MAKE CARD DIVISION'S BESTSELLER LIST

What's a bestseller? Lucky publishers have certain books that have runaway sales. Some recording companies have song hits that reach the million mark. And the Library of Congress Card Division catalog cards for which the Division receives a thousand orders or more in the previous 12 months is a bestseller.

The cards which achieved that status in fiscal year 1972 are listed briefly below in random order and give not only a slight indication of what cards the Division is selling for what book titles, but also reflect in some vaguely defined or not-defined manner the reading tastes of the public or possible the acquisitions habits of American librarians. Titles of books which reached the catalog card bestseller list are as follows:

This Island Earth, edited by Oran W. Nicks.

Aeschylus: A Collection of Critical Essays, compiled by Marsh H. McCall.

Steinbeck; A Collection of Critical Essays, compiled by Robert Murray Davis.

Understanding China; An Assessment of American Scholarly Resources by John M. H. Lindbeck.

The Pentagon Papers, as published by the New York Times.

Who Owns America? by Walter J. Hickel.

Guide to the Congress of the United States, Origins, History and Procedure by the Congressional Quarterly.

E. E. Cummings: A Collection of Critical Essays, compiled by Norman Friedman.

Dreiser, A Collection of Critical Essays, compiled by John Lydenberg.

The Power of Perfect Liberty; Out of Japan: A Creative Breakthrough in Humanity's Quest for a New Man in a New Age, by Marcus Bach.

Great Religions of the World, by the National Geographic Society.

Twentieth Century Interpretations of Absalom, Absalom! compiled by Arnold Goldman.

Twentieth Century Interpretations of 1984, compiled by Samuel Lynn Hynes.

Go Ask Alice, author anonymous.

Women and Society, compiled by Diana L. Reische.

The Penguin Companion to Classical, Oriental & African Literature, edited by D. M. Lang and D. R. Dudley.

The Penguin Companion to English Literature, edited by David Daiches.

The Penguin Companion to American Literature, edited by Malcolm Bradbury, Eric Mottram, and Jean Franco.

The UTU Handbook of Transportation in America, by Charles Luna.

Nomads of the World, by the National Geographic Society.

As We Live and Breathe, by the National Geographic Society.

Fundamental Reference Sources, by Frances (Neel) Cheney.

Matthew: Introduction, Translation and Notes, by W. F. Albright and C. S. Mann.

The Horizon History of Africa, by Alvin M. Josephy, Jr., Editor in Charge.

Historic Houses of America, Open to the Public, by Beverly Da Costa, Editor in Charge.

The American Heritage History of Notable American Houses, by Marshall B. Davidson.

Kennedy Justice, by Victor S. Navasky.

Analyzing Performance Problems; or, You Really Oughta Wanna, by Robert Frank Mager.

Annuals, by James Underwood Crockett.

Nathanael West, A Collection of Critical Essays, compiled by Jay Martin.

The First American; A Story of North American Archaeology, by Kurt W. Marek.

Deschooling Society, by Ivan D. Illich.

The Impact of Our Past; A History of the United States, by Bernard A. Weisberger.

The Closing Circle; Nature, Man, and Technology, by Barry Commoner.

The Vantage Point, by Lyndon Baines Johnson.

Beyond Freedom and Dignity, by Frederic Burrhus Skinner.

Justice in America: Law, Order and the Courts, compiled by William P. Lineberry.

Twentieth Century Interpretations of A Tale of Two Cities, compiled by Charles E. Beckwith.

Without Marx or Jesus, by Jean Francois Revel.

The Ra Expeditions, by Thor Heyerdahl.

In the Shadow of Man, by Jane Lawick-Goodall.

Strindberg; A Collection of Critical Essays, compiled by Otto Reinert.

The American Cowboy in Life and Legend, by Bart McDowell.

Einstein; The Life and Time, by Ronald William Clark.

Crossing the Water; Transitional Poems, by Sylvia Plath.

The European Discovery of America; the Northern Voyages A.D. 500-1600, by Samuel Eliot Morison.

Archibald MacLeish, by Grover Cleveland Smith.

Twentieth Century Interpretations of Richard II, by Paul M. Cubeta.

Honor Thy Father, by Gay Talese.

Modern Black Novelists, compiled by Michael G. Cooke.

Twentieth Century Interpretations of A Streetcar Named Desire, compiled by Jordan Yale Miller.

The Almanac of American Politics: The Senators, The Representatives–Their Records, States, and Districts, 1972, by Michael Barone.

The Nation's Health, compiled by Stephen Lewin.

Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee, by Dee Alexander Brown.

I'm OK, You're OK; A Practical Guide to Transactional Analysis, by Thomas Anthony Harris.

Time Capsule, by New York, Time, Inc.

Future Shock, by Alvin Toffler.

Eleanor and Franklin, by Joseph P. Lash.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SING IN GREAT HALL

All Library staff members, their families, and friends are invited to participate in the annual Christmas Carol Sing in the Great Hall on Thursday, December 21, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

FOSSILIZED CYPRESS LOG FEATURED IN MADISON BUILDING EXHIBIT

An exhibit on the James Madison Memorial Building of the Library of Congress has been opened on the First Floor in the Main Building for an indefinite period. Included in the exhibit are site plans, photographs showing the progress of excavation and the pouring of cement for the foundation, a large scale model of the building, architectural renderings of interior space, and a fossilized cypress log uncovered during the excavation.

The 18-inch polished slab of petrified wood in the exhibit is a part of a log discovered in the summer of 1971 by workmen digging at sea level, 40 feet below the surface of the construction site. The wood appears to be a form of cypress called cupressinoxylon, a catch-all word for fossils of the type that have the cypress-like structures, and which cannot be identified further. The gravels found around the log indicate they were part of the Potomac group of the Cretaceous age and were deposited in a south-flowing river approximately 70 million years ago. The log probably fell into the river and was carried to a gravel bar where it lodged and became covered. Marks on the fossil show apparent worm holes and where branches used to be. During fossilization, the wood cells of the log were replaced, molecule by molecule, by silica.

The James Madison Memorial Building, authorized

by Congress in 1965 and begun in May, 1971, has been planned by DeWitt, Poor, and Shelton, Associate Architects, under the direction of the Architect of the Capitol. Located on Square 732, directly south of the Library's Main Building, it will provide almost 2 million square feet of additional space, including the James Madison Memorial Hall, a two-story room entered from the Main Lobby on Independence Avenue and exhibition areas on the First and Second Floors for the display of Madison documents and memorabilia.

The Library's new exhibit coincides with the near completion this month of the first phase of construction, excavation, and foundation. Bids for the construction of the superstructure and interiors were opened on November 28. The *Information Bulletin* will publish an announcement of the contract award at a later date.

LC EMPLOYEES HELP ESTABLISH POLICE DEPARTMENT LIBRARY

A group of Library of Congress employees headed by Judy Matheny, Serials Cataloger in the Serial Record Division, devoted their free time in assisting the Washington Metropolitan Police Department establish a new police academy library. Over a period of seven months, the volunteers applied their skills in subject titling, cataloging, and book arrangement to setting up the library and training the police officer assigned to the library to carry on these operations.

Organized by Miss Matheny, the group spent one night a week, from November 1971 to May 1972, at the academy. Those participating were Matthew Caulfield, Assistant Head of the Germanic Languages Section, and Mrs. Jewel Pettiford, Senior Descriptive Cataloger, from the Descriptive Cataloging Division. Subject Catalogers participating from the Subject Cataloging Division were Janet R. Meserve, Mary Lou Miller, Regene Ross, and Mrs. Millicent K. Wewerka. Reid L. Graham, a Shelflister in the Shelflisting Section of the Subject Cataloging Division, also participated.

Chief of Police Jerry V. Wilson in a letter to Librarian L. Quincy Mumford praising the accomplishments of this group wrote, "I congratulate you on having employees who have enthusiasm for their work not only during business hours but allow it to continue over into their own time."

VISITORS TO LC

Distinguished Polish Visitors

Mrs. Halina Trepczýnska, wife of the President of the 27th Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, and Mrs. Róża Trampczýnska, wife of the Polish Ambassador to the United States, accompanied by Mrs. Ewa Karska of Warsaw, presently with the United Nations in New York, visited the Library of Congress on December 1.

After a tour of the Library, the group visited the Slavic and Central European Division, where Paul L. Horecky, Division Chief, and Mrs. Janina W. Hoskins, Area Specialist on Poland and East Europe, briefed them on the activities of the Division and on the Library's Polish collections. Later, the party was shown selected Polish rare books in the Rare Book Division.

Mrs. Trepczýnska, on behalf of her husband, presented the Library of Congress with the first volume of Copernicus' *Complete Works* containing a facsimile of his manuscript "On the Revolutions," and with a record of Polish folk music.

Visiting National Librarian

The Director of the National Library of Peru Dr. Estruardo Nuñez Hague accompanied by his wife, Senora Carlota Carvallo de Nuñez, visited the Library of Congress on December 4. Formerly a professor at San Marcos University in Lima and a distinguished literary critic, Dr. Nuñez was seeking American accounts of travels in South America written during the 19th century. In addition to an orientation tour, he visited the Manuscript Division and the Latin American, Portuguese, and Spanish Division. Mrs. de Nuñez, who is both an author of children's books and an artist, met with Virginia Haviland, Head of the Children's Book Section. The visitors were guests at a luncheon in the Whittall Pavilion where they met the Librarian and other Library officials.

Other Visiting Librarians

Mrs. Namnama P. Hidalgo, Readers Services Librarian, University of the Philippines Library, Quezon City, Philippines.

Ahmed Muchlis, Director of Libraries and Lecturer in Parasitology, Pertanian Bogor Institute, Bogor, West Java, Indonesia.

Martin Skibbe, Director of Library, German Cancer Research Center, Heidelberg, Germany.

David Bailey, Periodicals Cataloger, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology Library, Melbourne, Australia.

STAFF NEWS

DEATHS OF FORMER STAFF MEMBERS

Samuel R. Acuff, who retired from the Library on April 27, died on November 14. He joined the Library staff in September 1968 as a Bindery and Finishing Worker in the former Office of the Secretary, now the Central Services Division of the Administrative Department.

A native of Knoxville, Tenn., Mr. Acuff served for four years in the U.S. Army during World War II and later continued his Federal service with the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare before coming to the Library.

Mr. Acuff is survived by his wife, Vera, one daughter, and two grandchildren.

Charles H. Stephenson, Jr., a Library of Congress employee for 45 years before his retirement in 1965 died on December 7 at Alexandria Hospital, Virginia.

Born in Britt, Iowa, in 1903, Mr. Stephenson came to Washington, D.C. at an early age. He attended Eastern High School and Wood's Commercial School. After serving for a short time in the U.S. Treasury Department, Mr. Stephenson was appointed to the Library of Congress staff on January 14, 1920 as an Assistant in the Reading Room and was appointed five months later to the carrier service in the Capitol Station.

Because of his wide and varied acquaintance in the Capitol and knowledge of legislative procedures, he rendered invaluable service to the Library by supplying information about the progress of legislation of interest to the library world and by quickly identifying and obtaining bills, reports, and other Congressional documents needed officially or for the collections.

He was not only effective in serving Members and Committees of the Congress but he was also unfailingly kind and understanding in dealing with his colleagues. Because of his courtly manner and his long association with the Congress, Mr. Stephenson was affectionately known to his colleagues as "Senator" or "the Senior Senator" and, in fact, was once mistaken for an important Senator.

Among the many letters of praise and appreciation for his service is a letter from the late Senator Carl Hayden thanking Mr. Stephenson for his helpful assistance. Senator Hayden stated that [Mr. Stephenson's] "efficient and intelligent handling of all requests has many times aided in the prompt receipt of needed information." And that "consistently [he] has revealed a personal interest in providing required data quickly and precisely."

On February 9, 1965, Mr. Stephenson was awarded a 45-year Federal service pin [*Information Bulletin* of February 15, 1965, pp. 85-86]. He retired from the Library on December 30, 1965. [An article on Mr. Stephenson's retirement appeared in the January 13, 1966 issue of the *Information Bulletin*, pp. 22-23.]

Mr. Stephenson, who lived in Alexandria, is survived by two sons, Richard W., of Burke, Va., who works in the Library's Geography and Map Division; and Charles H. III, of Mitchellville, Md., who works in the Library's Central Services Division; two daughters, Mildred Hickox, of Upper Marlboro, and Ila Kuser, of Alexandria, and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on December 11 at the Demaine Funeral Home, Alexandria. Burial was in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Suitland, Md.

RETIREMENTS

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A native Washingtonian, Mr. Rossiter graduated from Eastern High School and the Benjamin Franklin University of Accountancy. Following three years in private industry, Mr. Rossiter joined the staff of the Library of Congress in 1932 as a Clerk in the Disbursing Office. In 1942 he was promoted to Assistant Disbursing Officer and the following year to Disbursing Officer. He left the Library in 1944 to serve with the U.S. Army and returned in 1946. In 1950 he was detailed to the Office of the Director of the Administrative Department as Administrative Officer and was later promoted to Assistant Director. In 1953 he was appointed Budget Officer and in 1964 became Deputy Chief of Fiscal Services. Since September 1968 he has been the Chief of the Financial Management Office with responsibility for the performance and direction of the Library's financial management program, which provides a wide variety of management support and control services.

Mr. Rossiter's exceptional service has been recognized by the Library a number of times, with six Outstanding Performance Ratings between 1954 and 1960, a Superior Accomplishment Award in 1953, and Superior Service Awards in 1957 and 1972. He received a 40-year Service Award this fall. [See recent stories in the *Information Bulletin*, May 19, pages 223-24, and October 20, page 455.]

AWARDS

In ceremonies held in the Librarian's office on November 29, **Leon W. Seidner,** Personnel Operations Officer, received a Superior Service Award and a cash award of $350.

Mr. and Mrs. Seidner and Mr. Mumford

Mrs. Weiss and Mr. Lorenz

The two awards were presented for Mr. Seidner's "consistently fine services . . . and advice in an ever-increasing complex of personnel laws, rules, and regulations governing rights, benefits, and compliance."

During the ceremony Mr. Mumford told Mr. Seidner, "You are well aware, I am sure, of the high trust I place in your counsel and judgment. The Library is indeed fortunate to have you on its staff and I am perfectly confident in stating that my respect and admiration are echoed a thousandfold among present and former staff members who have benefited from your conscientiousness and technical excellence over a period of many years."

Mrs. Seidner was also present for the award ceremony.

Mrs. Gertrude H. Weiss received a Meritorious Service Award at a ceremony held in the Deputy Librarian's office on November 24.

Mrs. Weiss, the former Administrative Secretary and Editorial Assistant in the Publications Office, was presented a Meritorious Service Award and a cash award of $175 in recognition of her "dignity, tact, cheerfulness, and quiet efficiency [which] . . . will have a lasting effect on the organization of materials and the routines in the Publications Office." In making the award to Mrs. Weiss, Mr. Lorenz stated that "to combine competence with courtesy, to meet demands with unfailing cooperation—these are qualities that are rare and, like most rarities, are highly valued, not only by your immediate office but by the Library as a whole."

Correction: In the LC *Information Bulletin,* December 1, on page 516, it should be noted that Wayne A. McKenney is a Research Assistant in the Senior Specialist Division.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Donald Curran Appointed FMO Chief

Donald C. Curran has been appointed Chief of the Financial Management Office, effective December 11, succeeding William W. Rossiter who is retiring. [The retirement story begins on page 533 of this *Information Bulletin.*] Mr. Curran was appointed Deputy Budget Officer in May 1969 and was named Budget Officer in July 1970, the post he has held for the past two years.

A graduate of St. Louis University (B.S., cum laude, 1959), he was a management intern with the Social Security Administration from June 1959 to September 1960. In 1960-61 he held a graduate teaching assistantship at George Washington University, where he completed graduate courses in public administration.

Mr. Curran came to the Library in April 1961 as an Administrative Assistant in the Congressional Research Service (then the Legislative Reference Service). In September 1961 he transferred to the Reference Department Office as an Administrative Assistant and later was promoted to the position of Management Analyst in the Administrative Department. In these positions he completed studies of organization and work processes in a variety of operations in the Library, including serials-handling, care and service of the classified collections, the feasibility of automation in certain areas, care and service of

music and manuscript materials, building planning, space allocations, and fiscal activities. He participated in the work of special task forces on library statistics and building planning and was one of several staff members honored for special studies in connection with the automation of procedures for preparation and publication of the *World List of International Meetings*. In 1971 Mr. Curran initiated in the Library a series of training seminars in financial management.

Appointments: Robert Leverne Bannerman, warehouseman, WG-5, Procurement, 4189; Maureen C. Corcoran, shelflister trainee, GS-5, Subj Cat, 4167; Maria T. Ferguson, preliminary cataloger, GS-6, Desc Cat, 4338; Jane E. Gilchrist, shelflister trainee, GS-5, Subj Cat, 4167; Janice M. Herd, preliminary cataloger, GS-6, Desc Cat, 4338; Doris Drake Lasley, reference librarian, GS-9, CRS C, 4264; Anne B. Scheer, reference librarian, GS-9, CRS C, 4264.

Temporary Appointments: Kathryn Kayser, reference assistant, GS-5, CRS E, NP; Robert A. Rockstroh, clerk, GS-3, CRS C, 4383.

Promotions: Ola V. Countee, to assistant supervisor, searching unit, GS-9, Cat Publ, 4187; Florence H. Dusty, Share Cat, to assistant editor of catalog publications, GT-9, Cat Publ, 4173; Gary R. Miller, to deck attendant, GS-3, S&R, 4-600; Eric Johnnie Myers, to deck attendant, GS-3, S&R, 4-600; Deborah C. Peacher, to clerk-typist, GS-5, Cop Serv, 4300; Thorton P. Rich, Bldgs, to warehouseman, WG-5, Procurement, 4189.

Transfers: Hugh Coley, Loan, to mail clerk, GS-4, CS, 4385; Gregory Kendrick, CRS D, to deck attendant, GS-3, S&R, 4-600; Michelle Perry, Cat Publ, to clerk-typist, GS-2, CRS D, NP.

Resignations: Anita S. Buckler, Subj Cat; Margaret M. Kellogg, CRS C; Jean M. Solomon, Sci; Arden D. Stannard, Card; Laura B. Stewart, FMO; Cathy B. Stiehler, Subj Cat.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **American Red Cross Bloodmobile Unit** will visit the Library, Main Building, Room C-125, on Friday, December 22, from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Staff members wishing to donate blood should register with keyworkers in their respective divisions.

In accordance with LCR 2015-17.4, all blood donors may be granted a maximum of four hours excused absence, which includes the actual time spent giving blood and a rest and recuperative period immediately following. The time of donation must be approved by the supervisor.

Questions concerning the program should be directed to Miss Brothers, ext. 6053.

Dates for registration for **spring semester courses** which will be offered by schools and universities in the Washington, D.C., area have been announced. Schedules and catalogs of courses are available for reference in the Library of Congress Training Office, Main Building, G-129, ext. 6348.

Students may register for courses offered by the Graduate School, U.S. Department of Agriculture, by mail until December 29 and from January 8-13 in person at the Graduate School. Classes will begin the week of January 12. Six courses which will be held at the Library of Congress are English Composition, Great Books, Intermediate Spanish, Everyday Mathematics, China: Past and Present, and Motion Picture Appreciation. Schedules and catalogs are available from the Graduate School, Room 1031, South Agriculture Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue, S.W., or by calling 447-4419.

More than 100 college-level courses will be offered through the Federal After-Hours Education Program of George Washington University. Registration will be held on January 9-10 in Conference Rooms A, B, and D of the Department of Commerce Building, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W. Classes will begin the week of January 22. A course in the program, Management Information Systems Development and Application, will be held at the Library of Congress. Further information may be obtained from Robert W. Stewart, Jr., Field Representative, College of General Studies, George Washington University at 676-7018.

The American University College of Continuing Education is offering a full range of courses at locations throughout Washington, D.C., Virginia, and Maryland. Advance registration is currently underway and general registration will take place on Friday, January 12. The semester begins the week of January 15. Catalogs and further information are available from the College of Continuing Education, American University, Massachusetts and Nebraska Avenues, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016, or by calling 686-2500.

Beatrice C. Toliver and **George Wilson** were married on November 25 at Michigan Park Christian Church in Washington, D.C. Mrs. Wilson works in the Binding Office and Mr. Wilson works in the Photoduplication Office.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Carter are the parents of a daughter, Sikinah, born on November 25 at Columbia Hospital for Women in the District of Columbia. Mrs. Carter is a Library Technician in the Serial Record Division.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS PUBLICATIONS

Selected Information Resources on Meteorology (SL 72-23). November 1972. (16 p.) Compiled by the Science and Technology Division's National Referral Center, this publication is an informal listing of 86 organizations or functionaries which will provide information in the general field of meteorology.

The compilation is in two parts. The first part lists 18 Government and 12 nongovernment organizations with a variety of information capabilities in meteorology, each entry providing the name, address, and telephone number of the organization and a brief description of the information services offered. The second part, an 8-page appendix devoted exclusively to the National Weather Service, gives the address and telephone number of regional meteorologists (List A), and regional and state climatologists (List B). Copies of this list may be obtained free from the National Referral Center, Science and Technology Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540.

Press Release: No. 72-83 (December 8) Robert S. Bray retires as Chief of the Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped of the Library of Congress; No. 72-84 (December 8) LC issues recording of Moroccan music.

NEWS IN THE LIBRARY WORLD

Librarians Honor Germaine Kretteck

Germaine Krettek, Associate Executive Director of the American Library Association and Director of the ALA Washington Office, retired on November 30. Five local Library Associations honored Miss Krettek on this occasion at a reception in the Russell Senate Office Building on Tuesday, November 21.

Library and Congressional guests at the reception were welcomed by Rupert C. Woodward, President of the District of Columbia Library Association, who recognized the representatives of the Washington Chapter of the Special Libraries Association, the Law Librarians' Society of Washington, the Potomac Technical Processing Librarians, and the Washington, D.C.-Maryland Unit of the Catholic Library Association. Brief tributes were paid to Miss Krettek by Charles Lee of the Committee for Full Funding of Federal Education Programs, speaking on behalf of the Washington representatives of the educational community, and by John G. Lorenz, Deputy Librarian of Congress, speaking on behalf of libraries. Robert Wedgeworth, Executive Director of the American Library Association, paid tribute to Miss Krettek's service to the Association and presented her with a framed copy of the citation passed by the membership at the Chicago meeting last June. Elizabeth W. Stone, President-elect of the Washington Chapter of SLA, presented Miss Krettek with a gift from her friends–a Michael Moran sculpture.

Although Miss Krettek plans to return to her native Iowa, she will continue to provide ALA with assistance in legislative matters. Her successor in the Washington Office is Eileen D. Cooke.

Canadian Archives Publishes Report

Public Archives of Canada, Report 1970-1971 (Ottawa, 1972. 57 p. English, 60 p. French, 5 plates) covers the activities of the Historical, Records Management, and Administration and Technical Services branches for a 15- instead of a 12-month period, marking the transition from the calendar to the fiscal year as a basis for reporting.

Major projects of the Archives during this period include a continuation of the microfilming and indexing, by electronic data processing, of the papers of Canadian Prime Ministers, the acquisition of the Manoir Richelieu Collection of pictorial works illustrating early days in Canada, the preparation of a catalog of film holdings of the National Film Collection, growth of the oral history collection of the Historical Sound Recordings Unit, and increased use of the Ottawa, Toronto, and Montreal Records Centres for economical storage of "dormant records" of government departments and agencies.

ACRUIL Holds Annual Conference in San Juan

The Association of Caribbean University and Research Libraries (ACURIL) held its fourth annual conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico, November 19-25. Delegates representing the principal research libraries in the West Indies, Colombia, Venezuela, and Guiana discussed the Conference's principal theme, "Personnel Administration and its Improvement in Libraries in the Caribbean."

Dr. Michael Gill, ACURIL's president and Senior Assistant Librarian of the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados, opened the inaugural session on November 19 with a brief summary of the Association's work and accomplishments during the past year.

Dr. Thomas Matthews of the University of Puerto Rico summarized recent developments of ACURIL's parent organization, UNICA, the Organization of Caribbean Universities, with respect to university

cooperation and development in the Caribbean. He reported that a Ford Foundation grant of $100,000 and a grant of $28,000 from the Inter-American Foundation were received recently to further the aims of UNICA in the fields of education, agriculture, and the social sciences with special emphasis on urbanization. To give form and substance to these programs, Dr. Paes, a well-known educator from the faculty of the University of Los Andes in Bogotá, Colombia has recently accepted a two-year appointment as program director for UNICA. One of his first efforts will be to develop cooperative programs between English- and Spanish-speaking institutions in the Caribbean.

The President of the Council of Higher Education in Puerto Rico, Juan José Jiménez, officially welcomed the delegates to San Juan, stressing the increasingly important role of libraries and librarians in the whole field of educational development.

During the inaugural session, special tribute was paid to three distinguished librarians from the Caribbean: Enid M. Baa, Director of the Public Library, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands; Dr. Alma Jordan, Director of the Library at the University of the West Indies, Trinidad; and Dr. Albertina Pérez de Rosa, Director of the Graduate Library, University of Puerto Rico. All three were highly praised for their dedicated efforts and contributions to advance the work of libraries and librarianship in the Caribbean.

A series of four working papers on library personnel administration was presented at the conference. The first, by Dr. Frederick Kidder, Director of the School of Library Science at the University of Puerto Rico, was entitled "Library School and Library Work: Similar and Divergent Standpoints." Dr. Kidder stressed the need for developing new approaches to teaching library science which would place more emphasis on ideas and concepts rather than on the rote learning of information. He further noted that there was a strong need for innovations to make library school more interesting and attractive to students. Dr. Gill presented a paper entitled "Matching the Qualifications of the Job; a Semi-Professional Point of View." Basing his report on experience in Barbados, Dr. Gill noted that on-the-job training for library clerks and technicians is limited to acquainting employees with the institution's practices and procedures. There is a strong need to develop new courses in library schools to train technicians for binding, preservation, and photoduplication services. Dr. Leonard Shorey, Tutor of the University of the West Indies, presented "An Approach to the Administration of Library Personnel," which was designed to acquaint librarians with some of the problems of personnel management, and the need to develop and train librarians to be better library administrators so that they can more effectively carry out their programs. "Links Between Administration and Libraries in the Caribbean," the theme of the last working paper, was presented in two parts: Mrs. Maldonado de la Torre concentrated on the Spanish-speaking Caribbean, and Miss Baa focused on the Dutch and U.S. Virgin Islands area.

On Friday, November 24, two panel sessions discussed first the strengths and weaknesses of the system, and later a history and survey of the minimum standards for library personnel.

There was a full schedule of social activities for the conference participants which included a reception at the City Hall of San Juan on November 20, cocktails on November 21 at the Institute of Puerto Rican Culture where the invited guests were entertained by a folk musical group, "Ecos de la Montaña," and on November 22, a reception at La Fortaleza, the Governor of Puerto Rico's official residence.

At a banquet on Thursday evening, November 23, new officers of the Association were officially installed. The president of ACURIL for the coming year is Mrs. Cecilia Gaviria de Mendoza, Director of the Centro Internacional de Desarollo Integral de Aguas y Tierras, Mérida, Venezuela. Dr. Archie L. McNeal, Director of the University of Miami Library, was elected vice-president. "Libraries in the Context of National Development" is the theme for next year's conference, which will be held in Miami, Fla.

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Southern Historical Association Meets

The 38th annual meeting of the Southern Historical Association was held in Hollywood-by-the-Sea, Fla., November 15-18, with headquarters at the Diplomat Hotel. There were 48 special sessions ranging in time from the ancient world of Babylon, Mesopotamia, and Egypt, to present day publishing opportunities in history.

The history of the South and Southerners as makers of history were at the heart of the meeting. Three sessions were devoted exclusively to aspects of Southern Black History, and several other sessions included papers whose focus was on Black History. Indians, women, urbanization, and ethnicity were afforded equal time with the more traditional subjects of the Civil War, Reconstruction, and the New Deal. Sessions devoted to Latin America, the Far

East, and to Modern European and Medieval history were also available for specialists in those fields.

As a participant in a session on "Precursors of American Historiography: The Collector-Historians," John McDonough, Manuscript Historian in the Manuscript Division, read a paper on "Historian-Chiefs of the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress."

Mary Elizabeth Massey of Winthrop College and outgoing president of the Association spoke on Thursday evening, November 17, on "The Making of a Feminist." George B. Tindall, of the University of North Carolina, will be president during 1973.

[*John McDonough*]

Study Group Report Presented to FLC

An interim report on the Federal Library Cooperative Center Study Group's study of greater cooperation among Federal libraries in the area of technical production was presented to the Federal Library Committee on November 22 by Russell Shank, Director of Libraries at the Smithsonian Institution. The Study Group is examining the progress of Federal libraries in the automation of library processes, and the solution of storage problems and procedures. Comparable activities in the private sector are also under study to ascertain ways in which Federal libraries might benefit from them on a cooperative basis. Mrs. Madeline Henderson, Staff Assistant for Computer Usage Information and Data, National Bureau of Standards, is co-chairman of the Study Group. Mrs. Mary Huffer, Director of Libraries, Office of Library Services, U.S. Department of Interior, is steering a small subcommittee which is working on the administrative factors of the study.

Addressing the committee, Robert B. Stegmaier, Jr., Administrator, Defense Documentation Center, gave a detailed description of DDC's on-line remote system for storage and retrieval of information in classified and unclassified scientific documents. Of particular interest was the progress he reported in machine indexing and the building of a natural language data base. He referred librarians to the following reports for further information on these programs: AD 696 200, *Machine-Aided Indexing;* AD 721 875, AD 733 800 on the same subject; AD 716 200, *Future of Machine Indexing and Retrieval;* and AD 743 600, *Natural Language Data Base.*

Guide to Islamic Literature Published

Mansell Information/Publishing Ltd. published on November 30 the *Index Islamicus 1966-1970,* a bibliographic compilation of approximately 50,000 periodical articles and other non-book publications from more than 900 international sources of Islamic information.

Compiled by J. D. Pearson, Librarian of the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, the 384-page volume is the third supplement to the original work, *Index Islamicus 1906-1955,* which listed 26,000 articles by subject, with an author index.

Together, the four volumes provide an unprecedented guide to Islamic material. Publications listed represent all regions where Islam is predominant and subjects covered include religion, law, art, history, ethnology, language, and literature.

The *Index Islamicus* will be updated by annual cumulations for the years 1971 through 1974. A cumulative quinquennial supplement is planned for 1971-1975. Price information and ordering instructions are available from Mansell Information/Publishing Ltd., 3 Bloomsbury Place, London WCIA 2QA, England.

Guide to Federal Information Systems Issued

The Information Resources Press has published *Selected Federal Computer-Based Information Systems,* a 215-page work describing, both verbally and graphically, 35 information systems currently operating in 13 Federal agencies. Although most computer operations in Federal agencies are performed on a batch processing basis only, some systems are currently operating in an on-line manner (mostly for in-house searching only.) These systems will interest those engaged in the field of interactive, on-line data bases.

An updated and expanded version of *Selected Mechanized Scientific and Technical Information Systems,* originally published in 1969, this new work will serve as a basic primer for those working in the field of computerized information retrieval and particularly in the rapidly expanding field of data bases.

Copies are available from Information Resources Press, 2100 M St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037, for $24.95.